Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The town of Martin, named for Congressman E.W. Martin, was founded in 1911, and chosen the county seat for Bennett County in 1912; and,

Whereas, Martin was the first platted village in Bennett County; and,

Whereas, The year 1912 saw the county courthouse and first small school built, and, in 1913, a grammar school was added to the community; and,

Whereas, In 1926, a countywide high school was authorized by a vote of the people to offer a 4-year curriculum of courses—activated for the 1927 school year; and,

Whereas, From a small prairie village in 1911, Martin has developed into a thriving and progressive town in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In recognition of reaching the century mark, a wide variety of activities will be held throughout the year and a time of inventory of the rich heritage; and,

Whereas, On December 31, 2010, the community will gather to conduct opening ceremonies as a kick-off to a year of centennial celebration:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2-4, 2011, as

MARTIN CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State